

**Remarks:**

Added pages of Applicant's Declaration are attached hereto indicating that this application designates the earlier filed provisional application for benefit under 35 USC § 120.

If an Examiner's Amendment would place the pending claims in condition for allowance, a telephone call to the undersigned at (727) 507-8558 is requested.

Very respectfully,  
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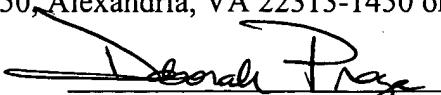
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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**  
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Preliminary Amendment, including Introductory Comments, Amendments to the Specification, and Remarks, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service by first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on May 17, 2004.

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